

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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Court documents associated with this case are available to download from the district's Web site at

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### RAY-PEC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CHARGED IN RAYMORE BANK ROBBERY

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Raymore-Peculiar High School student was charged in federal court today with stealing \$6,610 from the Alle Bank and Trust Company in Raymore, Mo.

**Scott Dujuan Hazel**, 18, of Raymore, was charged with bank robbery in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Hazel** entered Allen Bank and Trust Company, 1000 Foxwood Drive in Raymore, just before 5 p.m. Wednesday and announced, "This is a hold up." Brandishing a knife in his right hand and a small blue nylon bag in his left hand, the affidavit says, **Hazel** ordered everyone to sit down on the floor. **Hazel** allegedly claimed that the blue nylon bag was a bomb and that he would detonate the device if anyone failed to comply with his wishes, repeating several times, "This is for real."

After tellers placed \$6,610 in a bag, the affidavit says, **Hazel** began asking who owned various cars in the parking lot. The clerk offered the keys to her vehicle and **Hazel** left the bank, but for some reason was unable to start the car.

One of the bank employees recognized **Hazel** during the robbery and identified him as a customer of the bank. He was arrested this morning.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and

not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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